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To: [TM FR Notices](#)
Subject: Proposed Fee for Letter of Protest
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Importance: High

I am writing in reference to the proposed \$100-\$200 fee for filing a letter of protest.

I am a small business owner who cannot afford to spend \$100-\$200 for filing a letter of protest.. I write these letters because there are frivolous trademarks being approved. Trademarks that should not be approved as they are common words or phrases.

Examples

MERMAID- 5650588

SEND ME- 5644146

MOMMY TO BE- 5133777

CHRISTIAN BABY- 5225086

INDEPENDENCE DAY- 5100615

The list of frivolous trademarks that have been approved can go on and on. I understand the need for trademarks but I feel it has gotten way out of hand with approvals on common words or phrases and that is not what trademarking is put in place for.

Please consider placing the fee on the filer for a trademark to cover USPTO's operational costs.

Sincerely,
Meredith R.
Small Business Owner